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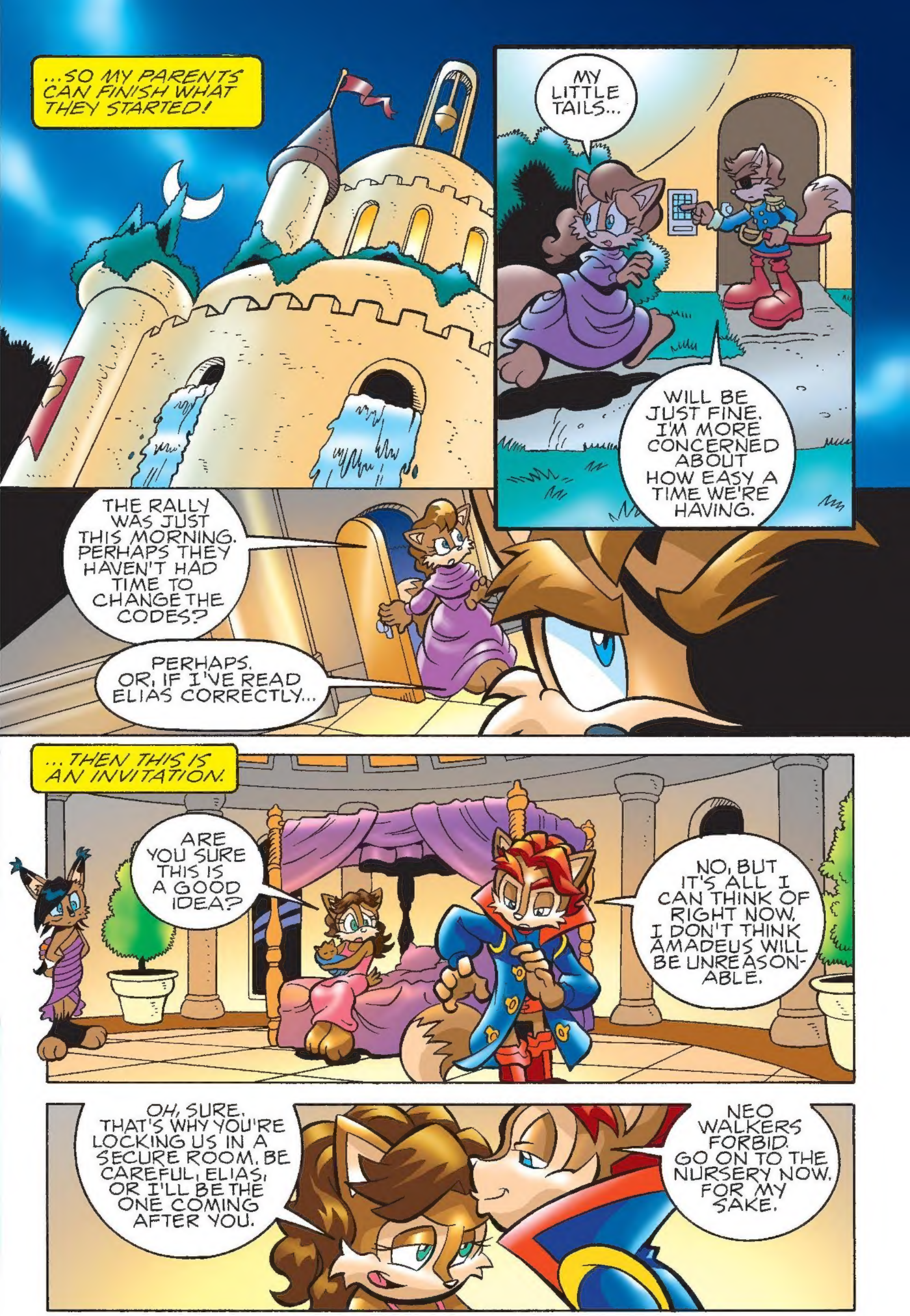
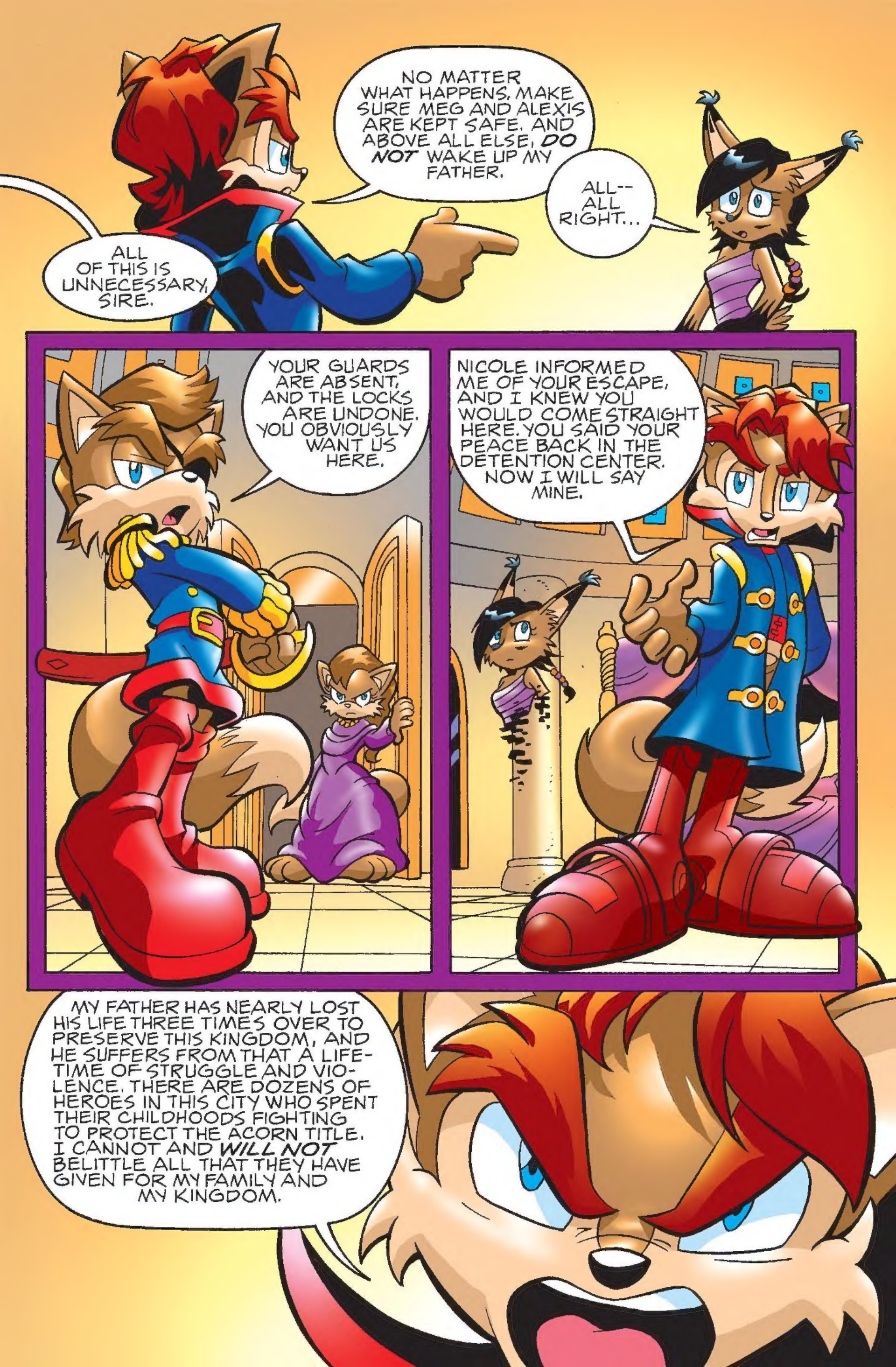
LOOK! I'M SORRY YOUR DAD GOT LOCKED UP, I REALLY AM, BUT...
I'M SURE YOUR HEART BLEEDS.
OOF!
YOU'RE NOT TALKING YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE!
THAT WAS AWESOME! HOW DO YOUR GLUTES FEEL?
SHUT. UP. BEAN.
YOU'RE MAKING IT REAL HARD FOR ME TO HOLD BACK, BUD. I CAN UNDERSTAND WANTING TO HELP YOUR FAMILY. BUT I'M NOT COOL WITH YOU ATTACKING ME.
TOUGH! YOU'VE HAD THIS COMING FOR A LONG TIME!

ME?! WHAT DID I EVER DO TO YOU?
THAT'S MY POINT, EXACTLY!
YOU HAVE NO CLUE BECAUSE YOU DON'T CARE! AND I'M SICK AND TIRED OF IT!
OF WHAT?!
WHAT'S THE POINT IN EXPLAINING IT TO YOU? YOU NEVER LISTEN!
YEEP! I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE NOT LISTENING ANYMORE!
STOP TRYING TO BE WITTY! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP YOU PINNED DOWN HERE...


...SO MY PARENTS CAN FINISH WHAT THEY STARTED!
MY LITTLE TAILS...
WILL BE JUST FINE. I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW EASY A TIME WE'RE HAVING.
THE RALLY WAS JUST THIS MORNING. PERHAPS THEY HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO CHANGE THE CODES?
PERHAPS. OR, IF I'VE READ ELIAS CORRECTLY...
...THEN THIS IS AN INVITATION.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
NO, BUT IT'S ALL I CAN THINK OF RIGHT NOW. I DON'T THINK AMADEUS WILL BE UNREASON-ABLE.
OH, SURE. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LOCKING US IN A SECURE ROOM. BE CAREFUL, ELIAS, OR I'LL BE THE ONE COMING AFTER YOU.
NEO WALKERS FORBID. GO ON TO THE NURSERY NOW. FOR MY SAKE.

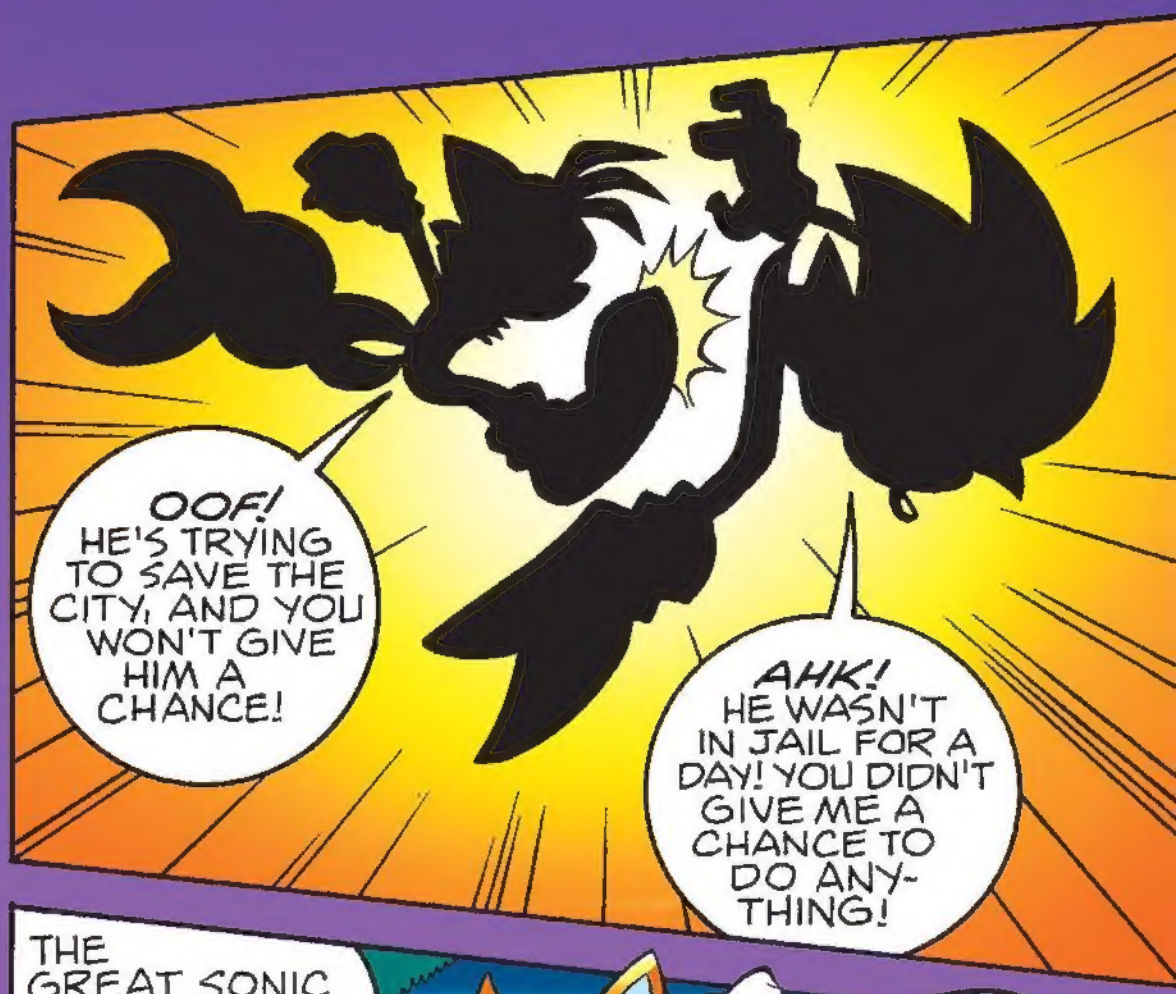

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, MAKE SURE MEG AND ALEXIS ARE KEPT SAFE. AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, DO NOT WAKE UP MY FATHER.
ALL OF THIS IS UNNECESSARY, SIRE.
ALL-- ALL RIGHT...
YOUR GUARDS ARE ABSENT, AND THE LOCKS ARE UNDONE. YOU OBVIOUSLY WANT US HERE.
NICOLE INFORMED ME OF YOUR ESCAPE, AND I KNEW YOU WOULD COME STRAIGHT HERE. YOU SAID YOUR PEACE BACK IN THE DETENTION CENTER. NOW I WILL SAY MINE.
MY FATHER HAS NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE THREE TIMES OVER TO PRESERVE THIS KINGDOM, AND HE SUFFERS FROM THAT A LIFE-TIME OF STRUGGLE AND VIO-LENCE. THERE ARE DOZENS OF HEROES IN THIS CITY WHO SPENT THEIR CHILDHOODS FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE ACORN TITLE. I CANNOT AND WILL NOT BELITTLE ALL THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN FOR MY FAMILY AND MY KINGDOM.

AND WHAT OF THE RALLY THIS MORNING? THE SO-CALLED "RIOT," WILL YOU IGNORE THOSE PEOPLE?
I CANNOT JUST DISSOLVE THE KINGDOM AND HAND IT TO THE ANGRY MASSES. THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
YOU WOULD RISK CIVIL WAR TO PRESERVE A FAULTY MONARCHY?
I WOULD PRESERVE ORDER OVER SUBMITTING TO YOUR ANARCHY!
THEN IT HAS COME TO THIS...
FOR MY PEOPLE, I WILL SEE YOU DETHRONED!
CLANG
FOR MY PEOPLE, I WILL SEE YOU DEFEATED!

IF YOU WON'T PULL ANY PUNCHES, THEN NEITHER WILL I!
UGH!
BAM!
FIFTY MOBIUMS SAYS PROPELLER BUTT BEATS SPEEDY CHEESE!
DOUBLE ON SONIC! HE ALWAYS WINS.
YOU GUYS WON'T GIVE IT A REST, WILL YA?
I'M TAKING THIS OUTSIDE!
GET BACK HERE!
SEE?! THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS! SONIC THE BIG HERO RUNS AWAY AND LEAVES ME IN THE DUST!
OKAY, SO I LEFT YOU BEHIND ON A LOT OF MISSIONS. YOU WERE TOO YOUNG FOR MOST OF THEM! I DIDN'T WANT YOU HURT!

THAT'S WHAT I USED TO BELIEVE! BUT THEN I FACTORED IN ALL THE TIMES YOU TEASED ME...
...AND MADE FUN OF ME AND NEVER BELIEVED ME WHEN I TALKED ABOUT MY OWN ADVENTURES!
GRK!
DUDE, I TEASE EVERYBODY. IT'S WHAT I DO. I DON'T MEAN TO HURT ANYBODY'S FEELINGS.
EXCEPT MAYBE SHADOW. OR EGGMAN. BUT EVEN STILL, YOU DON'T SEE ANTOINE ATTACKING ME!

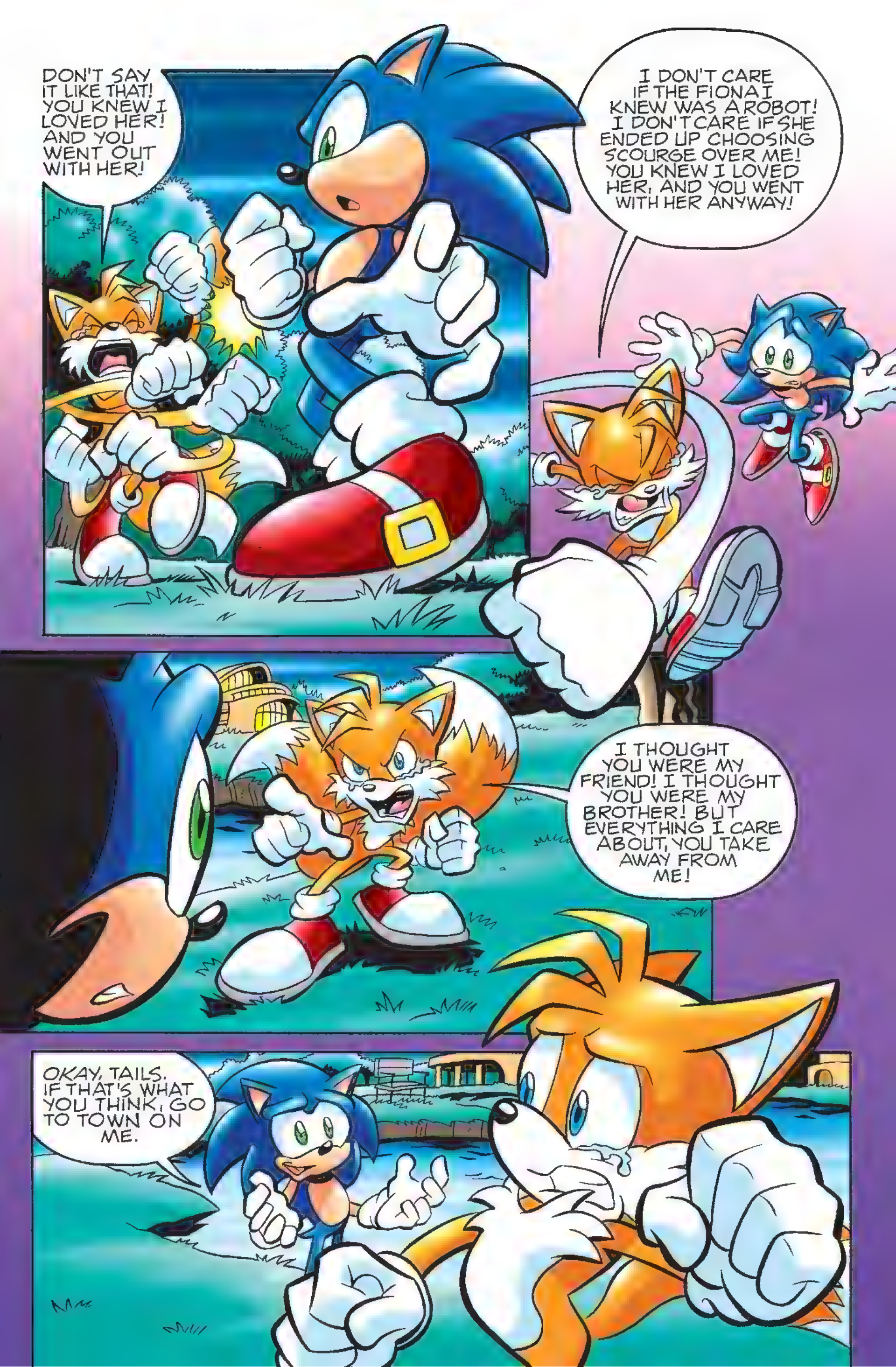
YOU WOULD'VE LET MY DAD ROT IN PRISON!
HE TRIED TO OUST THE KING! YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE ELIAS THE BOOT!


OOF! HE'S TRYING TO SAVE THE CITY, AND YOU WON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE!
AHK! HE WASN'T IN JAIL FOR A DAY! YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE TO DO ANY-THING!

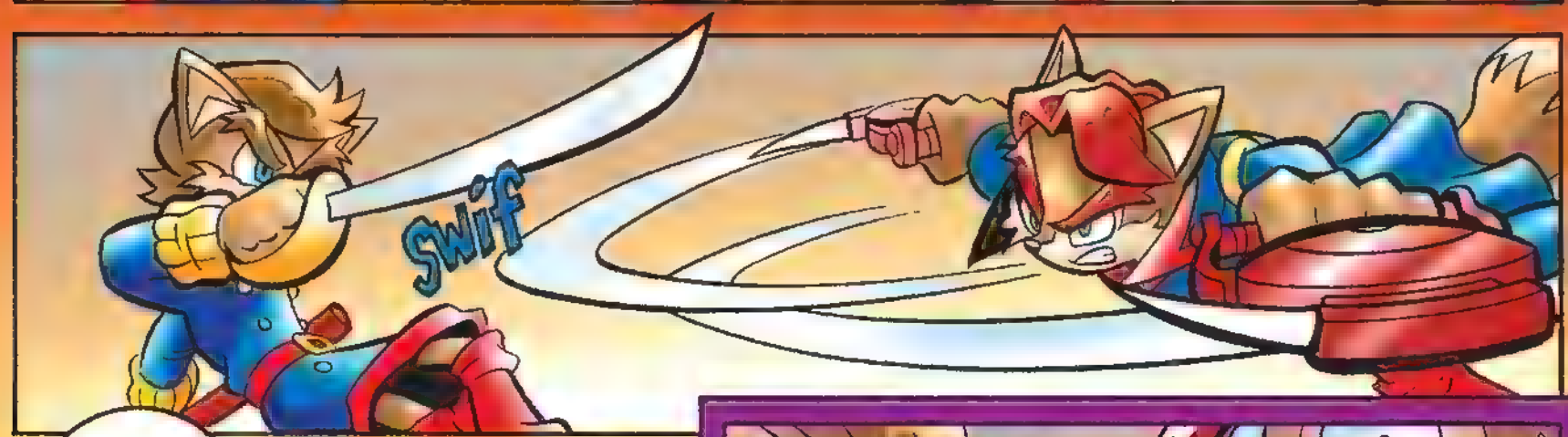
THE GREAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH?!
DUDE! YOU'RE TAKING EVERYTHING I'VE DONE TO HELP YOU AND SKEWING IT!

SO YOU HOOKED UP WITH FIONA TO HELP ME?!

WAIT... IS SHE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?


DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT! YOU KNEW I LOVED HER! AND YOU WENT OUT WITH HER!
I DON'T CARE IF THE FIONA I KNEW WAS A ROBOT! I DON'T CARE IF SHE ENDED UP CHOOSING SCOURGE OVER ME! YOU KNEW I LOVED HER, AND YOU WENT WITH HER ANYWAY!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY FRIEND! I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY BROTHER! BUT EVERYTHING I CARE ABOUT, YOU TAKE AWAY FROM ME!
OKAY, TAILS. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, GO TO TOWN ON ME.

CLANG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WHAT IN THE --?!
WHOA!
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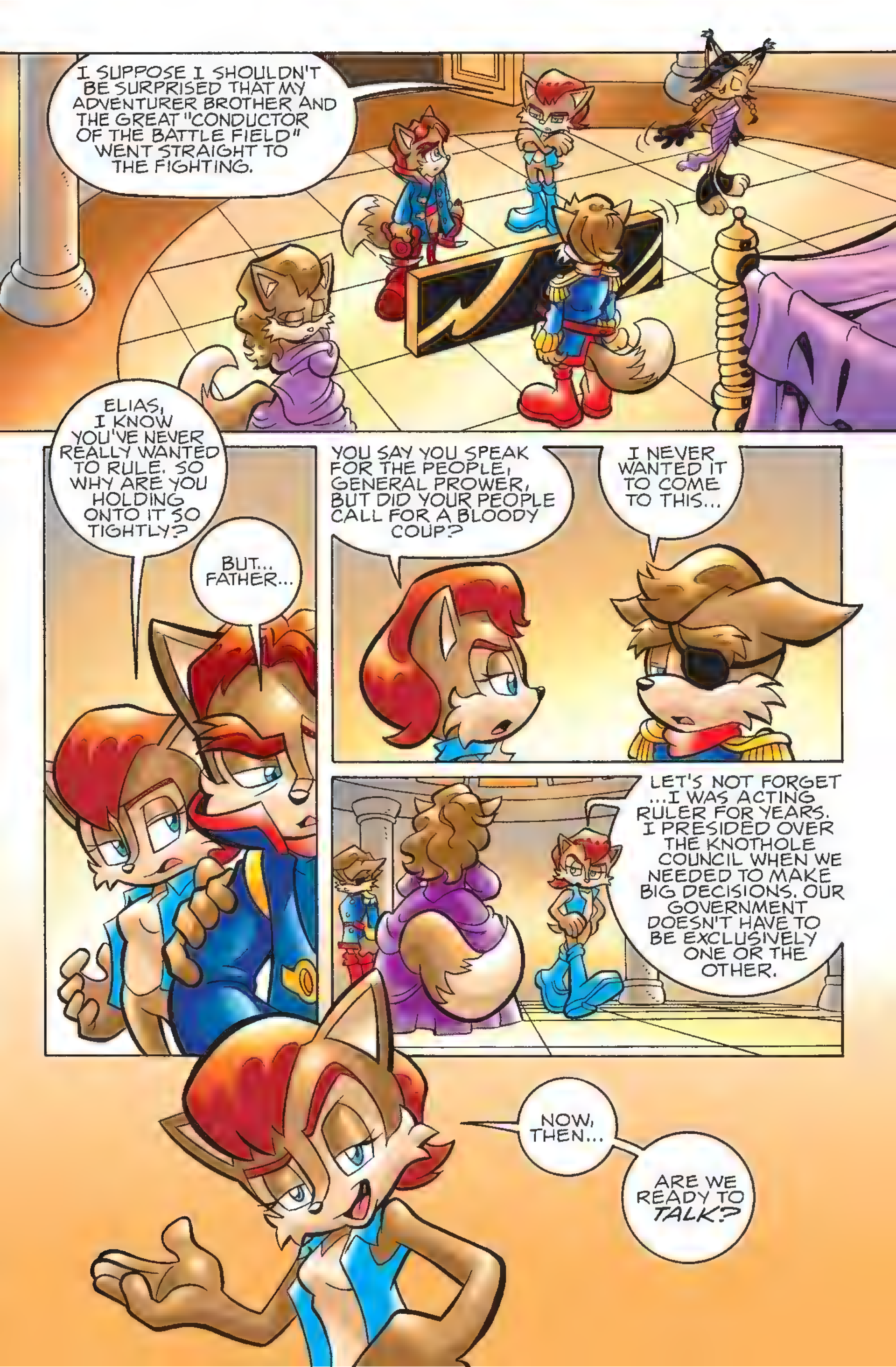
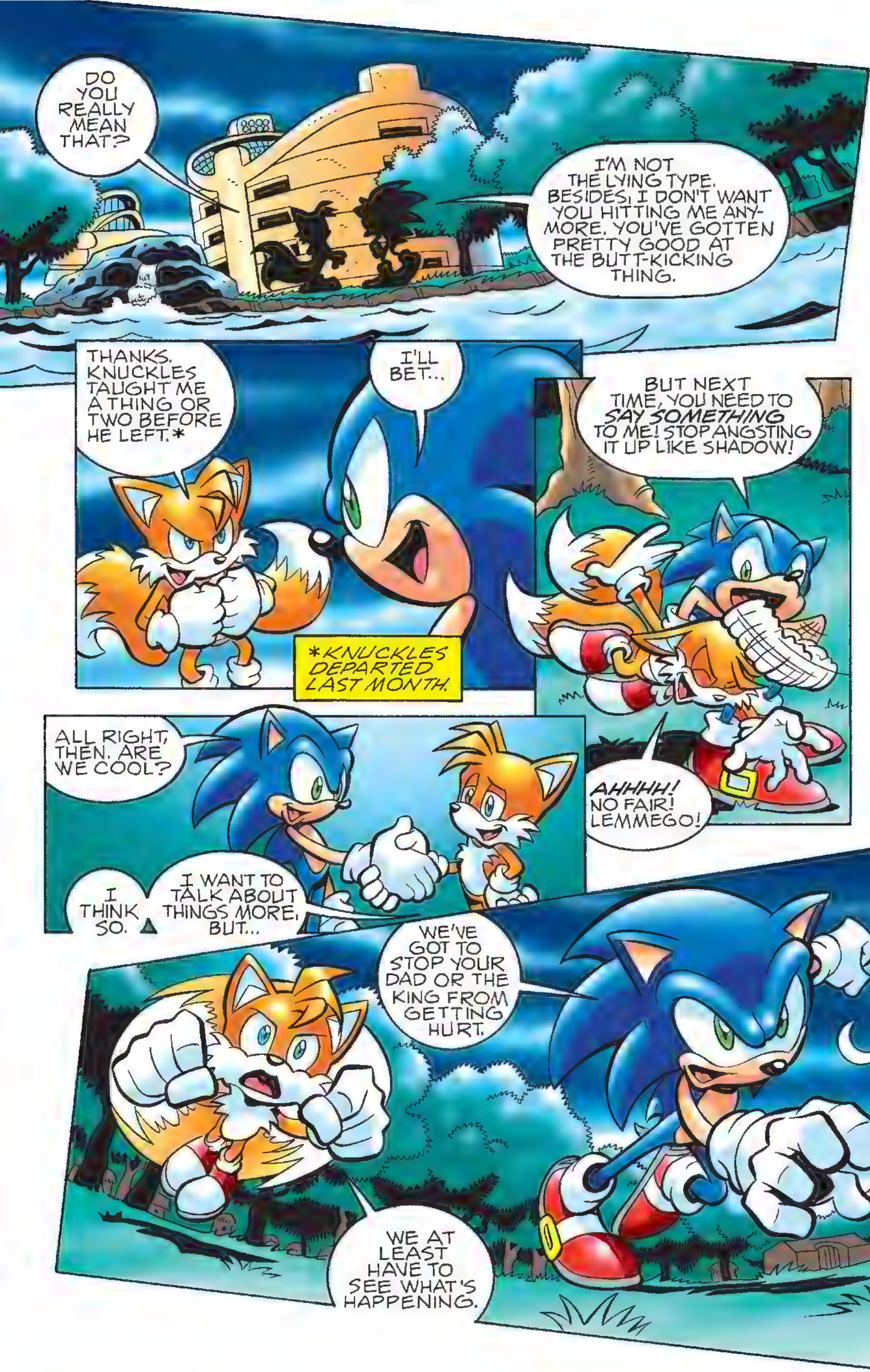
FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY...
I DID NOT WAKE YOUR PARENTS. YOU SAID NOTHING ABOUT WAKING YOUR SISTER, HOWEVER...
SALLY!

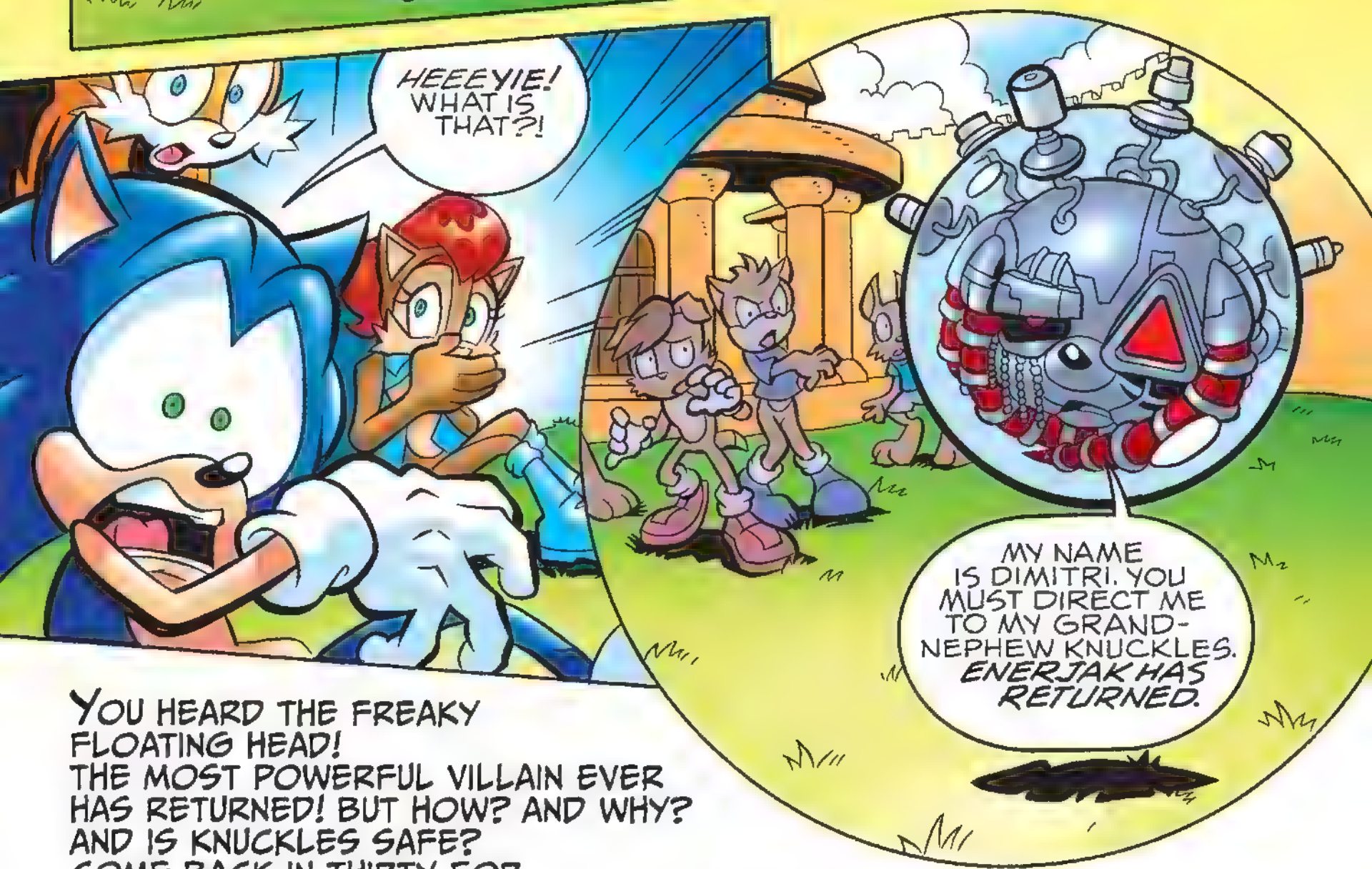

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED THAT MY ADVENTURER BROTHER AND THE GREAT "CONDUCTOR OF THE BATTLE FIELD" WENT STRAIGHT TO THE FIGHTING.
ELIAS, I KNOW YOU'VE NEVER REALLY WANTED TO RULE. SO WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ONTO IT SO TIGHTLY?
BUT... FATHER...
YOU SAY YOU SPEAK FOR THE PEOPLE, GENERAL PROWER, BUT DID YOUR PEOPLE CALL FOR A BLOODY COUP?
I NEVER WANTED IT TO COME TO THIS...
LET'S NOT FORGET ...I WAS ACTING RULER FOR YEARS. I PRESIDED OVER THE KNOTHOLE COUNCIL WHEN WE NEEDED TO MAKE BIG DECISIONS. OUR GOVERNMENT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EXCLUSIVELY ONE OR THE OTHER.
NOW, THEN...
ARE WE READY TO TALK?

Y-YOU ...YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME...
NOPE. I'M TOTALLY HONEST HERE.
I KNOW FIONA MEANT THE WORLD TO YOU. AND I ALSO KNEW THAT SHE HAD NO INTEREST IN YOU. I WAS HOPING IF WE HOOKED UP, YOU'D MOVE ON. I DIDN'T WANT YOU HURT.
BUT IT WAS SELFISH OF ME, I GUESS. I WAS STILL HURTING FROM BREAKING THINGS OFF WITH SALLY. FIONA WAS THERE. I WENT WITH IT LIKE I GO WITH EVERYTHING ELSE--I JUST DO.
I'VE BEEN A JERK TO YOU, MAN.
I DIDN'T MEAN IT, BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I WAS.
I AM TRULY SORRY I HURT YOU, LITTLE BRO!


DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?
I'M NOT THE LYING TYPE. BESIDES, I DON'T WANT YOU HITTING ME ANYMORE. YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT THE BUTT-KICKING THING.
THANKS. KNUCKLES TAUGHT ME A THING OR TWO BEFORE HE LEFT.*
I'LL BET...
*KNUCKLES DEPARTED LAST MONTH.
BUT NEXT TIME, YOU NEED TO SAY SOMETHING TO ME! STOP ANGSTING IT UP LIKE SHADOW!
AHHHH! NO FAIR! LEMMEGO!
ALL RIGHT, THEN. ARE WE COOL?
I THINK SO.
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THINGS MORE, BUT...
WE'VE GOT TO STOP YOUR DAD OR THE KING FROM GETTING HURT.
WE AT LEAST HAVE TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.

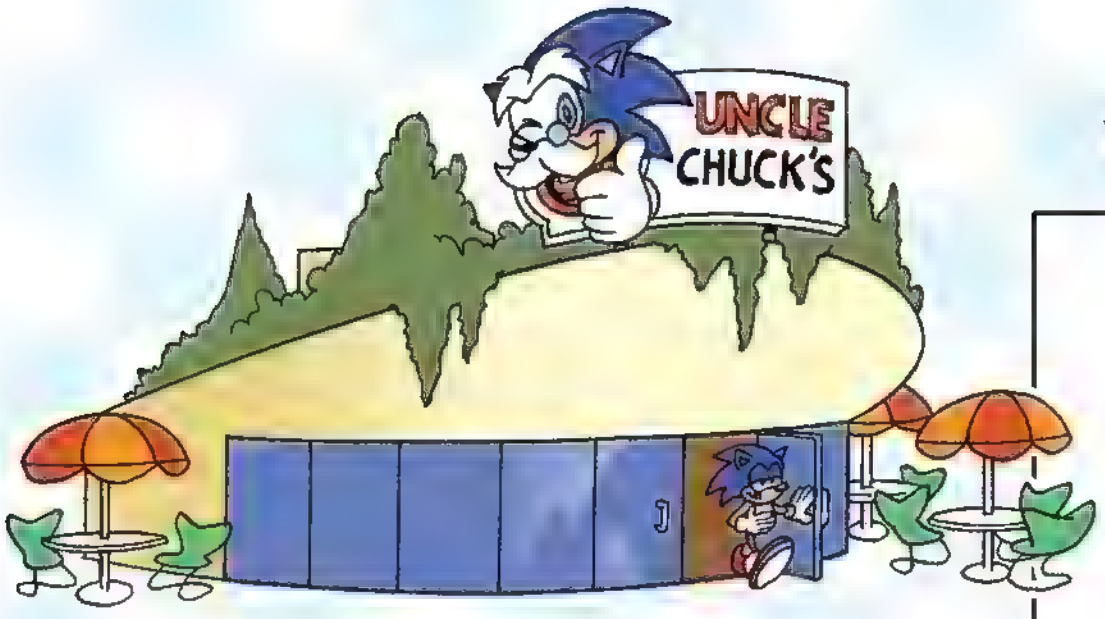
GENERAL PROWER! YOU NEED TO--!
--UM... CONTINUE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, I GUESS?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SONIC. WE'VE COME TO AN AGREE-MENT.
WE WILL HAVE AN ELECTED COUNCIL OF SIX CITIZENS...
...WHILE THE KING PRESIDES AS A SEVENTH MEMBER. I LOSE SOME POWER TO THE PEOPLE...
...BUT WE DON'T LOSE THE MONARCHY OF OUR HERITAGE.

NOT LONG AFTER...
ELECTION TODAY
THEY'RE PRAISING OUR FAMILY FOR OUR FORESIGHT! THERE'S NO SHAME IN...!
IT'S A SMALL CONCESSION, FATHER. THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY.
ELIAS...
YOU'VE TAKEN ON A GREAT BURDEN, AND YOU SHOULDER IT WELL. DON'T FORGET THAT YOU ARE KING NOW, AND IT IS YOUR WORD THAT COUNTS. GIVE YOUR FATHER TIME.
THANK YOU.



YOU HEARD THE FREAKY FLOATING HEAD!
THE MOST POWERFUL VILLAIN EVER HAS RETURNED! BUT HOW? AND WHY? AND IS KNUCKLES SAFE?
COME BACK IN THIRTY FOR
ENERJAK: REBORN!

UNCLE CHUCK'S DINER



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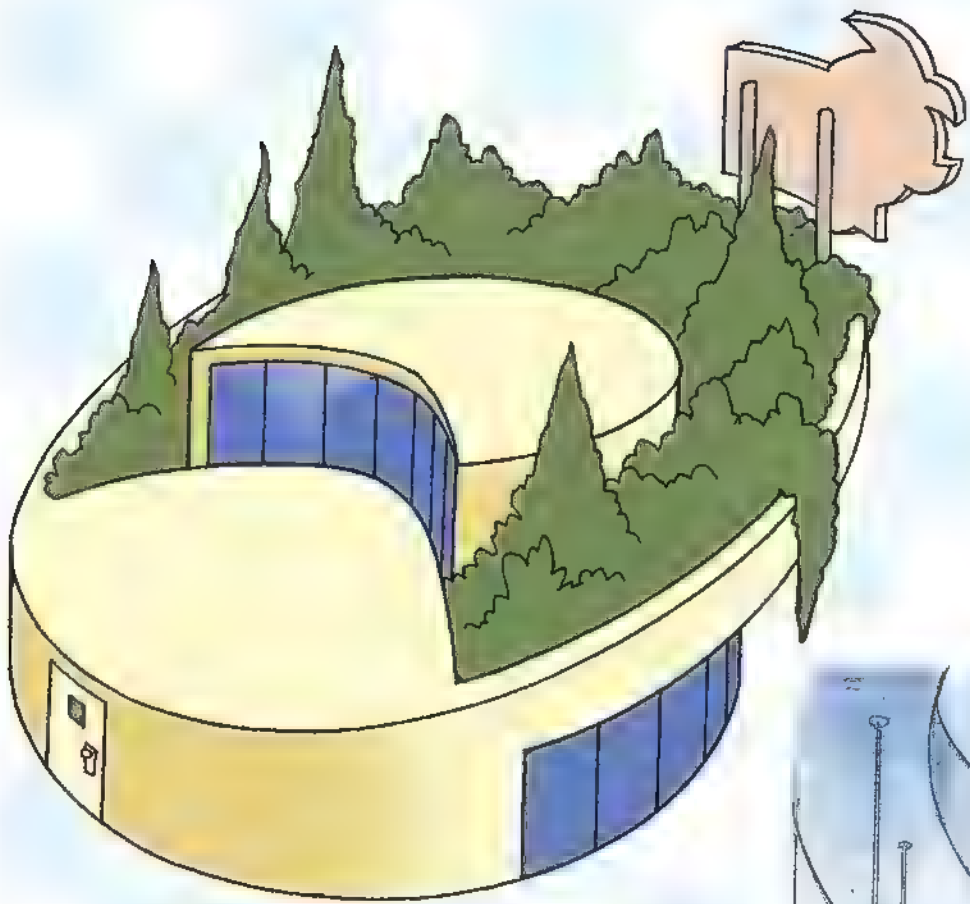
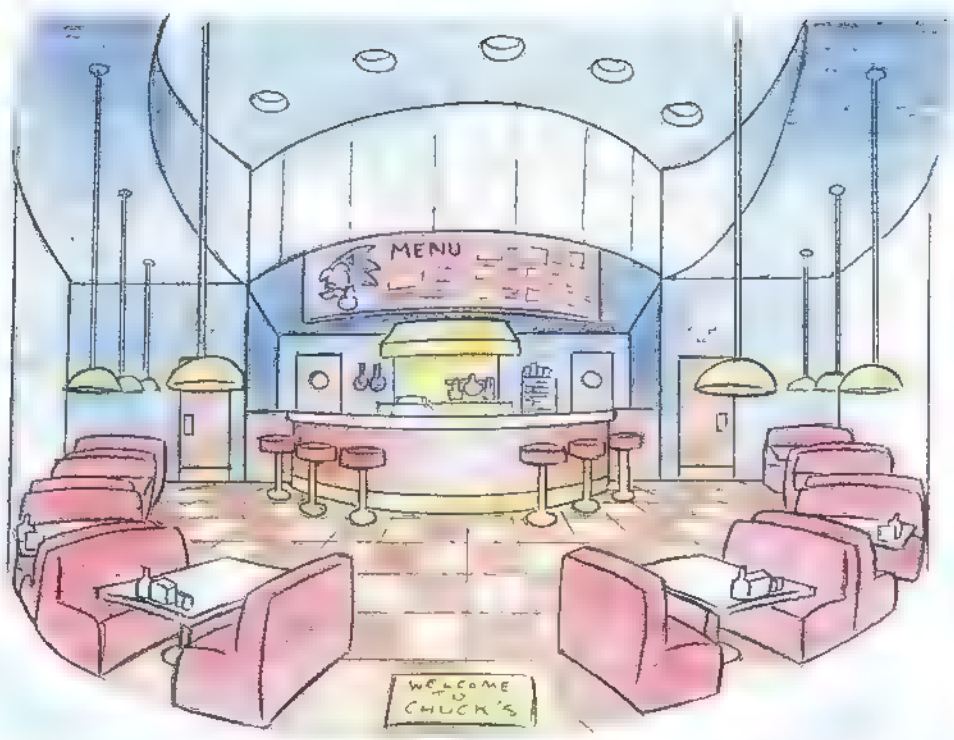
UNCLE CHUCK'S DINER-
The single greatest place to eat in all of New Mobotropolis is Uncle Chuck's. When he's not researching in the Science Center, Sonic's uncle is making the best batch of chili-dogs ever. The casual atmosphere and friendly faces make it the most popular place in town.





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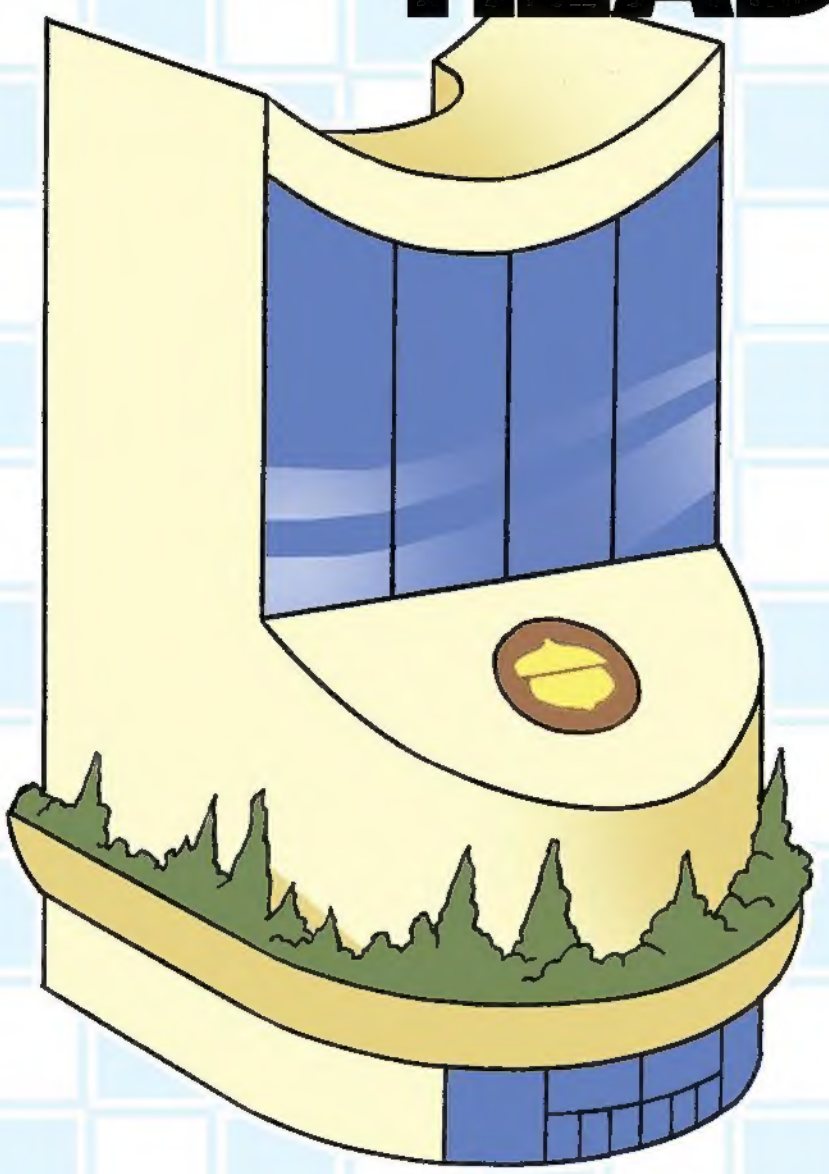
ROYAL ARMY HEADQUARTERS



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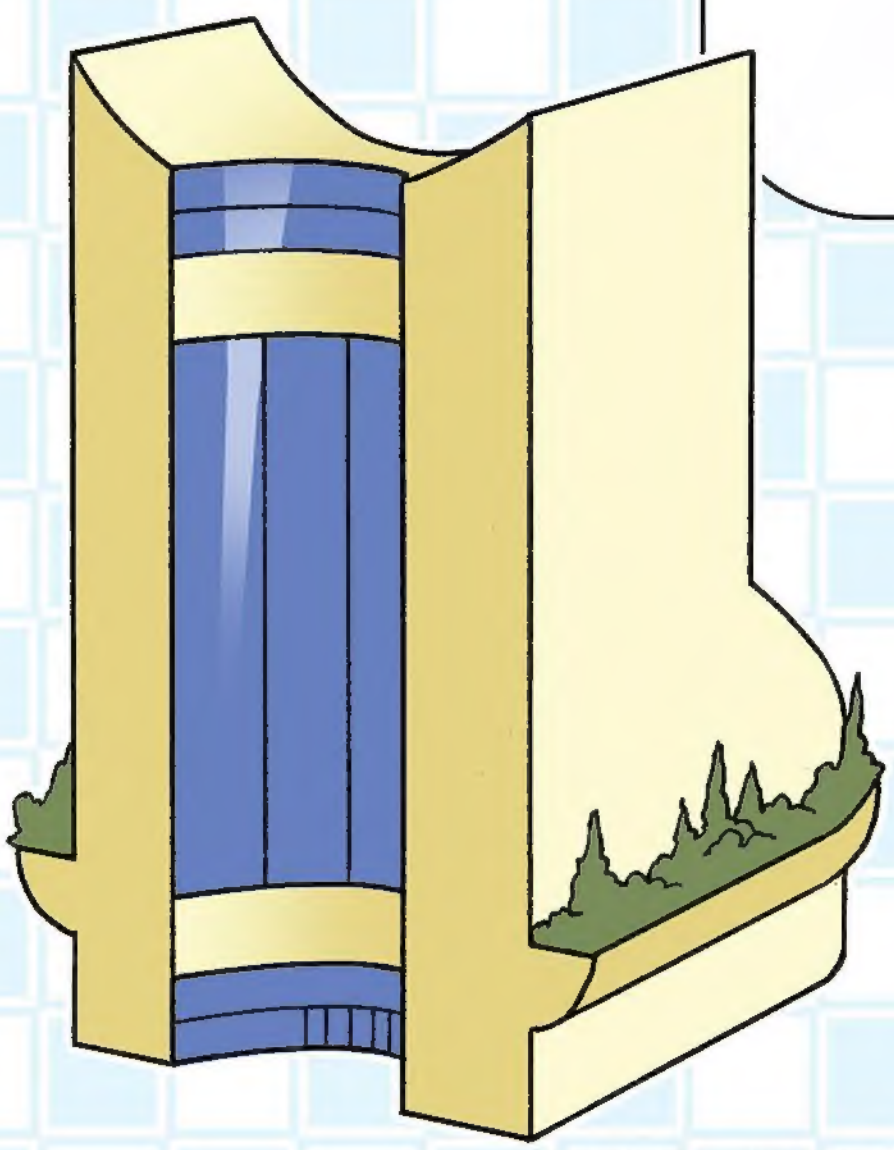
ROYAL ARMY HEADQUARTERS- While the Freedom Fighters protect everyone, it's up to the Royal Army to provide elite protection for the Acorn family and members of the Acorn Council. The facilities have everything the Royal Army needs to train and maintain the best of the best. The top floors are reserved for the Secret Operations branch headed by Commander Geoffrey St. John.



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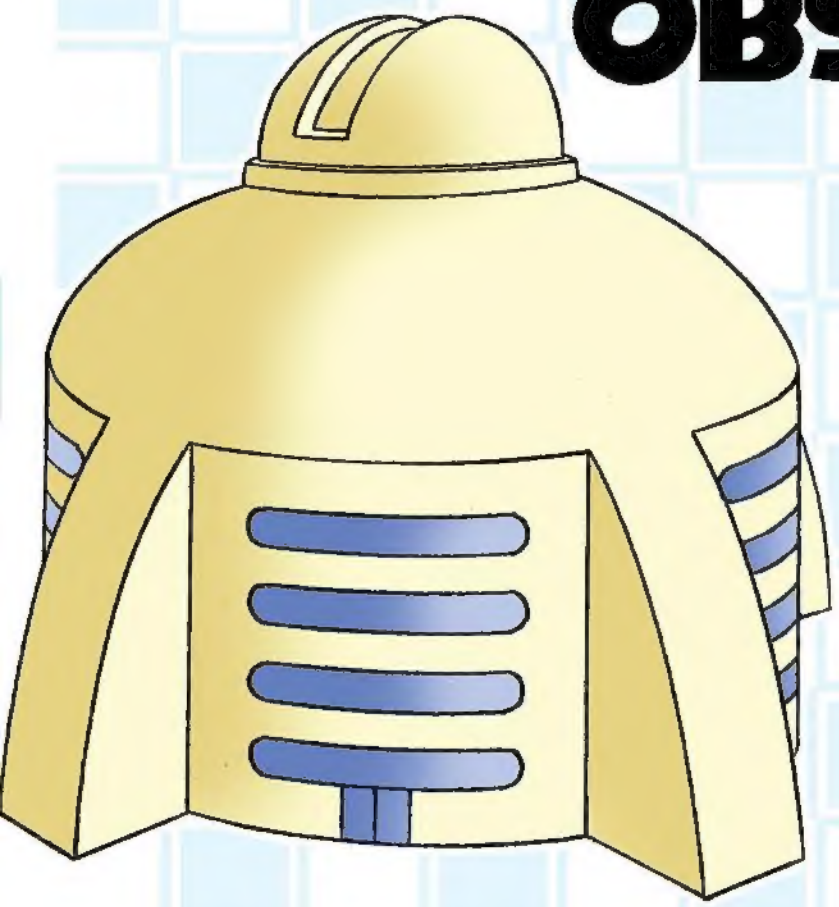
SCIENCE CENTER OBSERVATORY



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SCIENCE CENTER – To survive in the world of Dr. Eggman and the United Federation, New Mobotropolis has begun cutting-edge scientific research in their new Science Center. All the disciplines are welcome here – not to mention any open and curious minds.

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS SCHOOL

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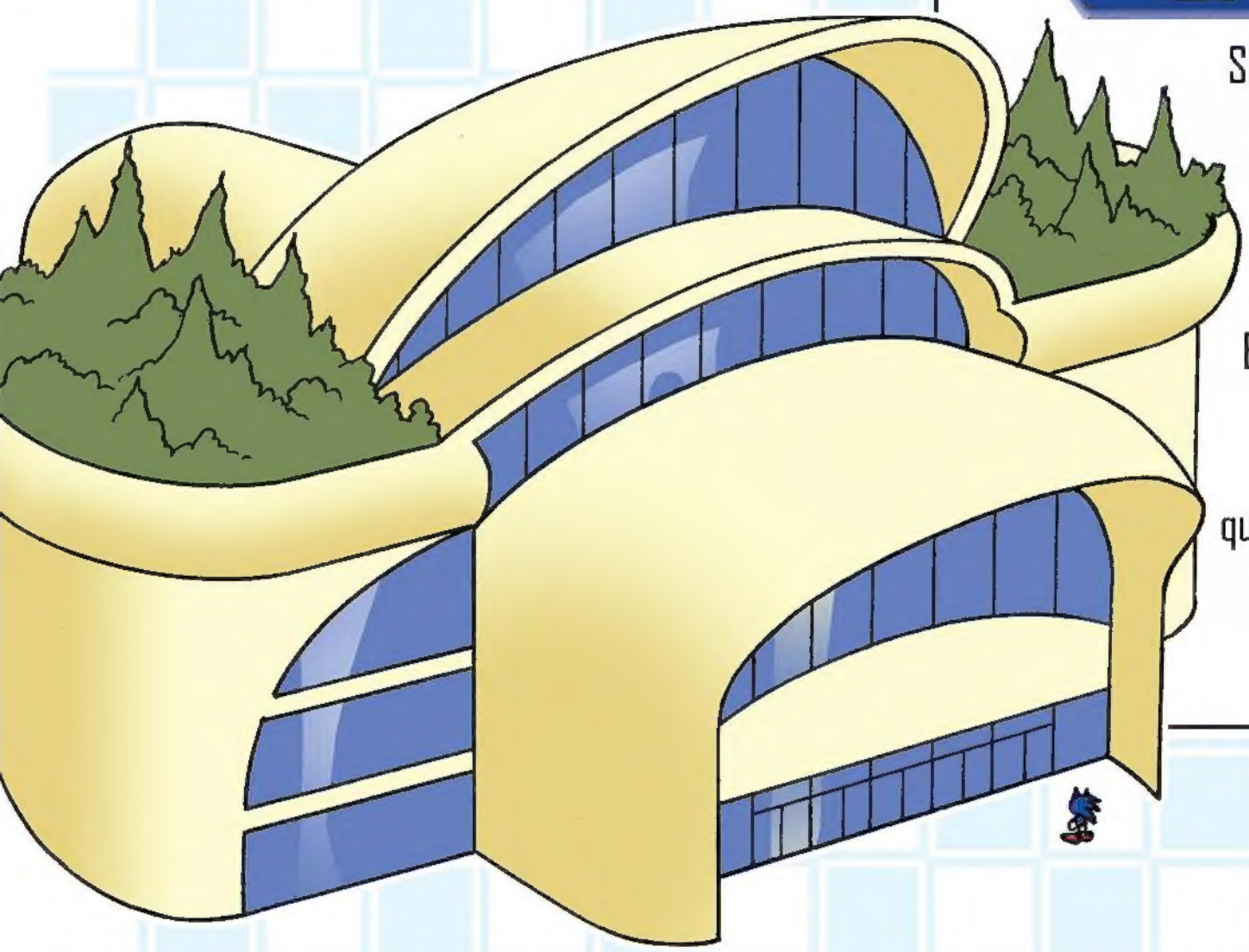

SCHOOL – Every day the youth of New Mobotropolis enter into the halls of learning. Bright young minds are inspired and encouraged to question and explore the boundless academia.

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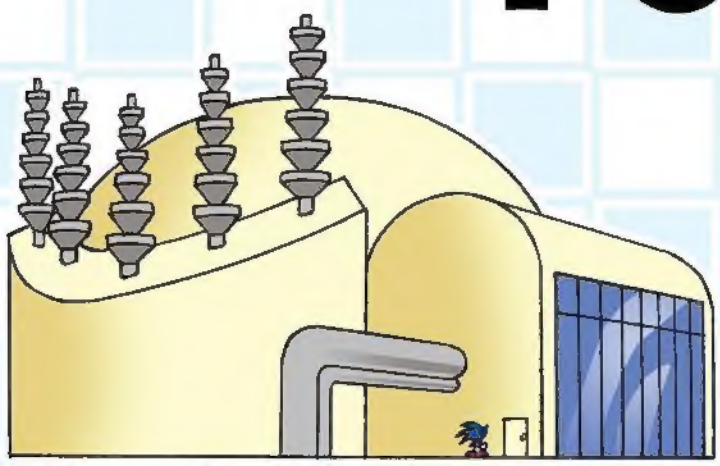
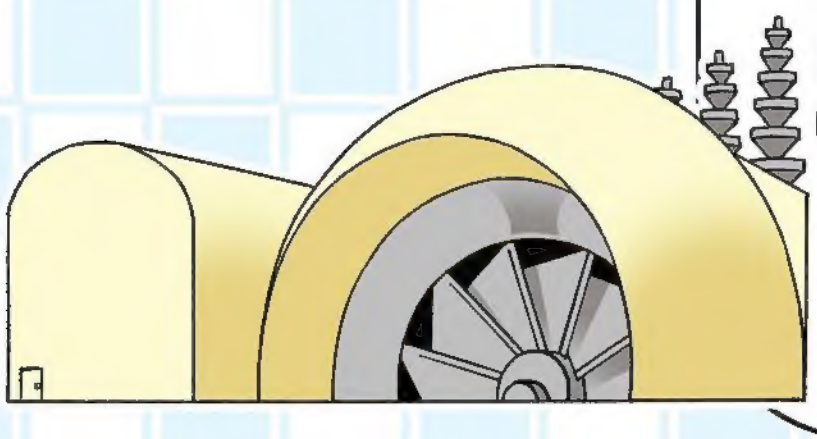
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS POWER PLANT





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POWER PLANT –
All the nanites that make up New Mobotropolis require a lot of power. An underground conduit runs all the way to the radioactive remains of Robotropolis and siphons off the dangerous energies. These are purified in the Power Plant and used to give clean energy to the city and its citizens while cleaning up a bad mark on Mobius.

KING FREDERICK AIRFIELD

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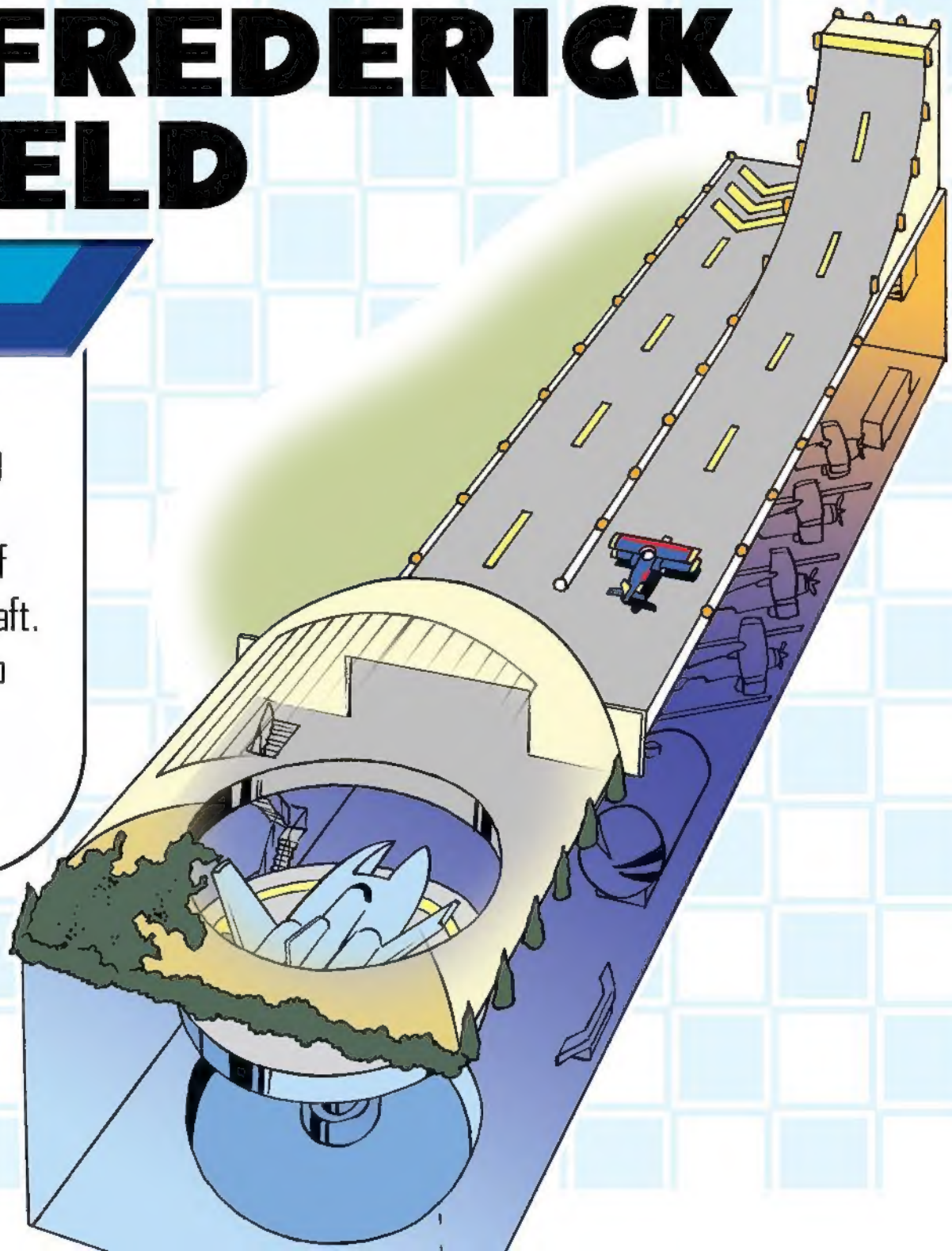
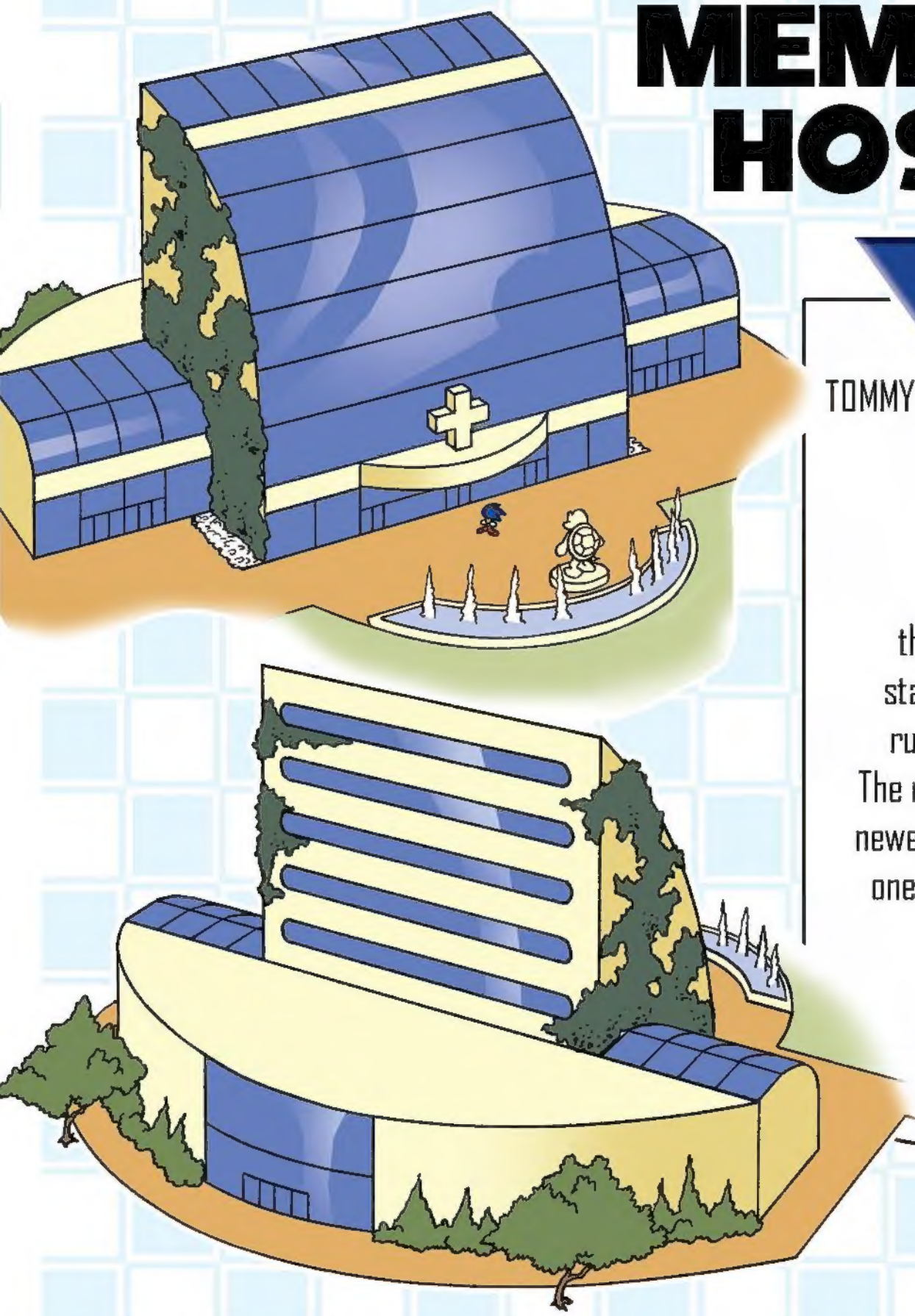
KING FREDERICK AIRFIELD –
Named after a previous King Acorn, the airfield is the primary launch site for all of the Freedom Fighters' aircraft. Everything from the Tornado to the Freedom Fighter Special mk. II takes off from here!



TOMMY TURTLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



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TOMMY TURTLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL- The best medical facilities in the world can be found in New Mobotropolis. Dr. Horatio Quack oversees the hospital on all levels as the staff tends to everything from a runny nose to serious ailments. The maternity ward welcomes the newest citizens with the best care one could hope for. The facilities are named in remembrance of a fallen Freedom Fighter who ensured the well-being of everyone.

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